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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 27, 2005, the Examiner asserted that the oath or declaration submitted by Applicants was defective under 37 CFR 1.63(c) and 37 CFR 1.76 for failing to identify the residence of each inventor. Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner. MPEP §§ 605.02 specifies (emphases added):

Applicant's place of residence, that is, the city and either state or foreign country, is required to be included in the oath or declaration in a nonprovisional application for compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 unless it is included in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

Applicants in their originally filed declaration and power of attorney, mailed August 30, 2001, specified the city and foreign country of each inventor, in addition to their mailing addresses. There is no requirement to provide the address of an inventor's residence. Accordingly, as understood, the objection is improper and Applicants respectfully that this objection be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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